

**§ 32.70-25 Cargo tanks—TB/ALL.**

Cargo tanks shall comply with the conditions specified in §§ 32.65-30 and 32.65-35, and shall pass the tests required in § 32.65-40: *Provided, however*, That less than 15 inches around such tanks may be accepted if in the judgment of the Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection, making the inspection, a satisfactory inspection of the cargo tanks and hull structure can be made.

**Subpart 32.75—Hull Requirements for Wood Hull Tank Vessels Constructed Prior to November 10, 1936**

**§ 32.75-1 Application—TB/ALL.**

All wood hull tank vessels, the construction or conversion of which was started prior to November 10, 1936, shall conform to the requirements in this subpart.

**§ 32.75-5 Hull requirements; general—TB/ALL.**

The scantlings, material, and workmanship, and the fitting and fastening of parts shall be at least equivalent to the requirements of a recognized classification society for the particular service specified in the application for certificate of inspection and permit for the transportation of liquid flammable cargoes in bulk as of the date when the tank vessel was built, or as of the date when the vessel was converted into a tank vessel. In the absence of such classification requirements, the Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection, shall satisfy himself that the vessel's structure as specified in this section is safe for the service to be specified in its certificate of inspection.

**§ 32.75-10 Cargo tanks—TB/ALL.**

Cargo tanks shall be independent of the wood hull, shall be made of steel or iron, and shall pass the tests required in § 32.65-40 (a), (b). Where cargo tanks in wood hulls are not arranged to provide working space around them they shall be so constructed as to allow inspection of the hull, tanks, and bilges, and they shall be so installed that they

can be moved to allow repairs to the hull structure and to themselves.

**§ 32.75-15 Electric bonding and grounding for tanks—TB/ALL.**

All independent cargo tanks in wood hull tank vessels shall be electrically bonded together with stranded copper cable of not less than No. 4B and S gage and one end of this cable shall be grounded to a copper or brass plate of not less than 2 square feet in area and one-sixteenth inch in thickness and this plate shall be securely fastened to the hull, on the outside, at a point where it shall be covered by water when the tank vessel is unloaded.

**§ 32.75-20 Hold spaces and bulkheads—TB/ALL.**

In wood hull tank vessels containing independent cargo tanks for the transportation of Grade A, B, C, or D liquids, the hold spaces shall be considered as equivalent to a pumproom and shall be safeguarded and ventilated as such as required by § 32.65-20. Where the hold spaces contain equipment or operations which are sources of vapor ignition, such equipment or operations shall be isolated from other spaces by gastight bulkhead or, if it is impracticable to construct a gastight bulkhead, two structurally tight bulkheads without openings, separated by a well-ventilated air space 24 inches wide, where possible may be used.

**Subpart 32.80—Tank Barges Constructed of Materials Other Than Steel or Iron**

**§ 32.80-1 General requirements—B/ALL.**

All tank barges with hulls constructed of materials other than iron or steel, the construction or conversion of which was started prior to September 2, 1945, and to which certificates of inspection were issued prior to March 2, 1946, shall be considered the same as tank barges constructed prior to November 10, 1936.